

specifying the period in which they must be corrected.

(b) Early Head Start or Head Start grantees which have received written notification of an area of noncompliance to be corrected must correct the area of noncompliance within the time period specified by the responsible HHS official. A grantee which is unable or unwilling to correct the specified areas of noncompliance within the prescribed time period will be judged to have a deficiency which must be corrected, either immediately or pursuant to a Quality Improvement Plan (see 45 CFR 1304.3(a)(6)(iii) and 45 CFR 1304.60).

## **PART 1305—ELIGIBILITY, RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE IN HEAD START**

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### **§ 1305.1 Purpose and scope.**

This part prescribes requirements for determining community needs and recruitment areas. It contains requirements and procedures for the eligibility determination, recruitment, selection, enrollment and attendance of children in Head Start programs and explains the policy concerning the charging of fees by Head Start programs. These requirements are to be used in conjunction with the Head Start Program Performance Standards at 45 CFR part 1304, as applicable.

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### **§ 1305.2 Definitions.**

(a) *Children with disabilities* means children with mental retardation, hear-

ing impairments including deafness, speech or language impairments, visual impairments including blindness, serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments or specific learning disabilities who, by reason thereof need special education and related services. The term “children with disabilities” for children aged 3 to 5, inclusive, may, at a State’s discretion, include children experiencing developmental delays, as defined by the State and as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures, in one or more of the following areas: physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development; and who, by reason thereof, need special education and related services.

(b) *Enrollment* means the official acceptance of a family by a Head Start program and the completion of all procedures necessary for a child and family to begin receiving services.

(c) *Enrollment opportunities* mean vacancies that exist at the beginning of the enrollment year, or during the year because of children who leave the program, that must be filled for a program to achieve and maintain its funded enrollment.

(d) *Enrollment year* means the period of time, not to exceed twelve months, during which a Head Start program provides center or home-based services to a group of children and their families.

(e) *Family* means all persons living in the same household who are:

(1) Supported by the income of the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the child enrolling or participating in the program, and (2) related to the parent(s) or guardian(s) by blood, marriage, or adoption.

(f) *Funded enrollment* means the number of children which the Head Start grantee is to serve, as indicated on the grant award.

(g) *Head Start eligible* means a child that meets the requirements for age and family income as established in this regulation or, if applicable, as established by grantees that meet the requirements of section 645(a)(2) of the Head Start Act. Up to ten percent of